

## 1/14/04 York Substation Community Meeting Summary #2

*Meeting purpose: to review proposed concept plan and discuss schedule and possible funding options.*

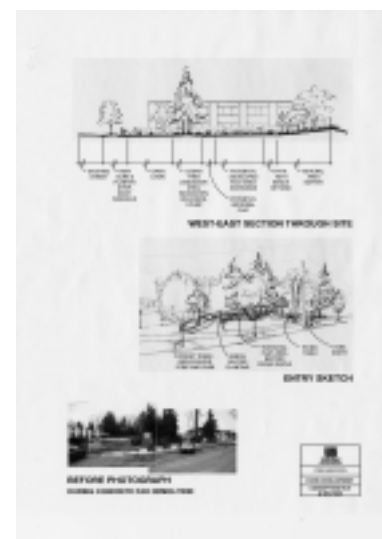
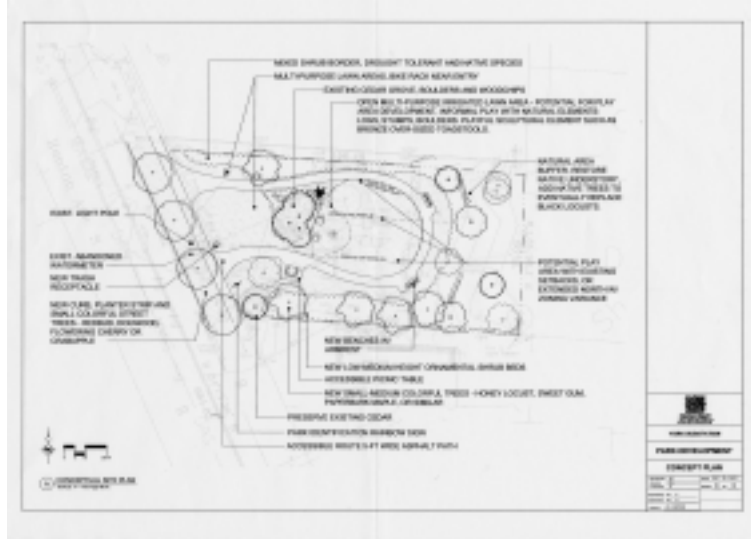
### Site history

York Substation is a 11,625 square-foot site, purchased in 2003 from Seattle City Light with 2000 Pro Parks Levy Acquisition Funding for development into a neighborhood pocket park. The North Rainier Hub Urban Village Neighborhood Plan requested the City “purchase York substation for community open space and develop it into a pocket park.” The site was transferred from City Light to Parks in August 2003. The community York Park Task Force has committed to Parks to raise additional funds to help to develop the park in 2005.

### Plan Development

At the first meeting on 12/8/03, community members reviewed three conceptual alternatives and decided to move forward with a park that was more passive and natural as opposed to a developed and active park. This meeting summary and concepts were mailed to participants and interested parties and are available for review at: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/york.htm>

At the 1/14/04 meeting, the following single concept plan was introduced by Parks Landscape Architect Karen Galt for review. In addition to the site plans and sections, Karen presented a board with possible landscape plants that could be used in the park design.



### Budget and Fundraising

- **Project Planner Cathy Tuttle** reviewed the project schedule and budget. \$109,070 of Pro Parks Levy development funds are allocated for this park development. Parks staff estimates the concept plan would cost about \$149,500 to develop and that the community would need to raise about \$40,000 in order to add desired improvements. Cathy presented the York Park Task Force with a preliminary fundraising matrix and will meet quarterly with the York Park Task Force in 2004 while fundraising is proceeding.
- **Garry Owens, Department of Neighborhoods Matching Fund Administrator** gave the community direction on fundraising and encouraged the group to identify a fiscal agent as the fundraising plan moves forward. Garry suggested the community approach groups interested in environmental restoration, community development, and reuse of community infrastructure.
- **Janine Van Sanden, Parks Volunteer Coordinator, and Cheryl Fraser, Parks Southeast Operations Manager** spoke about how the community can develop a strong partnership with

the Parks Department through volunteer efforts and creating a Friends of the Park group. Cheryl mentioned that other park development groups are using their Community Center's Associated Recreation Council as their fiscal agent.

## **Community discussion**

### **Fundraising**

- Community requested Parks put an "in-progress" sign and information about fundraising at the site. Parks will provide material to add on to existing Pro Parks sign.
- Community identified other possible funding sources including Starbucks, Sound Transit, Safeway, Pepsi, and Borracchini's Bakery.
- Community suggested SEED, REWA, a pro-bono attorney, and their Community Council as possible fiscal agents.

### **Design**

- Picnic table location should not be shaded.
- Sculpture should be "literary."
- Instead of playground equipment, use logs kids can jump off of.
- No artificial materials or furnishings.
- Historical marker because of Renton Avenue location
- ADA parking? Community decided not to request.
- ADA access important.
- Parking in neighborhood will require community discussion beyond Parks.
- Plant selection should include native plants.
- Community likes low dogwoods, evergreen huckleberry, spirea.
- Community likes Day Street Park planting scheme.
- Community would like low maintenance park.
- Consider low maintenance or no lawn.

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